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I find that many of my patients have other needs besides what I can treat in my dental chair as a Dental Hygiene student and Campus Corps AmeriCorps member. Many patients have emotional and health problems, but what I find most important is that they need a friend and someone that they can trust.

During many of my student clinic sections, one patient did not trust me or the instructors. She was very upset even about the small simple tasks that needed to be completed. I believed that I would take more time to explain procedures and listen to what she wanted. I found that she was lonely did not have anyone to talk to. By spending more time with her, I was able to complete her treatment, learn all patients need to be treated differently and gain a good friend. Not all patients are alike. They are individuals that need different considerations.



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